

What is child support?

Child support is an amount of money the court orders the parent without custody of the child to pay the parent, relative, or guardian who does have custody. This money is to be used to care for the child.

What information is needed to collect child support?

Obtain as much of the following information as possible about the non-custodial parent from whom you are seeking support:

- social security number;
- date of birth;
- address;
- name and address of employer; and
- bank account number

Where can you find this information?

- state and federal tax returns
- unemployment records
- hospital and medical records
- pay stubs
- military records
- insurance policies

Is it possible to collect child support on your own?

Yes. Collecting child support without assistance may be difficult; however, the court's clerk has a packet of forms that may help you to consider your options and you can get the forms from the court's web site under "child support worksheets." In addition, each county department of social services has a child support enforcement program that can help you find the absent parent, establish and enforce child support court orders, and collect child support payments.

What is the Child Support Enforcement Program?

This program was established to help locate absent parents and enforce their obligations to pay child support. The Child Support Enforcement Unit in your county provides the following services:

- location of the other parent(s) and their assets;
- establishment of paternity;
- establishment and modification of a child support order, including medical support;
- enforcement of a child support order, including medical support and spousal maintenance when combined with child support in the order;
- collection of child support payments;
- distribution of payments through a central payment registry, called the Family Support Registry.

There is a one-time application fee of \$20 that may be waived in some cases of hardship. Any parent with minor children who needs or is owed child support can apply for child support enforcement services. The phone number for the enforcement unit in your county is printed on the back of this brochure.

For additional information, visit www.childsupport.state.co.us where you can complete the application form for child support enforcement services .

How does the Child Support Enforcement Program locate an absent parent?

The Child Support Enforcement Program will attempt to find the absent parent through various federal, state, and local agencies, such as:

- Social Security Administration
- Internal Revenue Service
- Colorado Department of Labor and Employment
- Colorado Division of Motor Vehicles
- Veterans Administration

What actions may the Child Support Enforcement Unit take in order to collect child support?

- income withholding
- driver's license suspension
- garnishment of wages and bank accounts
- interception of federal and state income tax refunds
- interception of unemployment compensation benefits
- interception of lottery winnings
- assignment of workers' compensation benefits
- liens placed on personal and real property
- notification of child support debts to consumer reporting agencies
- professional, occupational, and recreational license suspension
- new hire reporting

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**Child Support Enforcement Units
in Colorado Counties**

Adams County
(303) 227-2233

Denver County
(720) 944-2960

Alamosa County
(719) 589-2581

Dolores County
(970) 677-2240

Arapahoe County
(720) 874-8700

Douglas County
(720) 874-8700

Archuleta County
(970) 264-2182

Eagle County
(970) 328-8840

Baca County
(719) 336-7486

El Paso County
(719) 457-6330

Bent County
(719) 456-2620

Elbert County
(720) 874-8700

Boulder County
(303) 678-6300

Fremont County
(719) 275-2318

Broomfield County
720-887-2261

Garfield County
(970) 945-9191

Chaffee County
(719) 539-6627

Gilpin County
(303) 271-4300

Cheyenne County
(719) 767-5629

Grand County
(970) 725-3331

Clear Creek County
(303) 271-4300

Gunnison County
(970) 641-3244

Conejos County
(719) 376-5455

Hinsdale County
(970) 641-3244

Costilla County
(719) 672-4131

Huerfano County
(719) 738-2810

Crowley County
(719) 267-3546, ext. 258

Jackson County
(970) 725-3331

Custer County
(719) 783-2371

Jefferson County
(303) 271-4300

Delta County
(970) 874-2063

Kiowa County
(719) 438-5541

Kit Carson County
(719) 346-8732

Lake County
(719) 486-1673

La Plata County
(970) 382-6144

Larimer County
(970) 498-6458

Las Animas County
(719) 846-2276

Lincoln County
(720) 874-8700

Logan County
(970) 522-2194

Mesa County
(970) 248-2780

Mineral County
(719) 657-3381

Moffat County
(970) 824-8282

Montezuma County
(970) 565-3769

Montrose County
(970) 252-4200

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(970) 542-3530

Otero County
(719) 383-3100

Ouray County
(970) 252-4200

Park County
(719) 539-6627

Phillips County
(970) 854-2280

Pitkin County
(970) 945-9191

Prowers County
(719) 336-7486

Pueblo County
(719) 583-6160

Rio Blanco County
(970) 878-5011

Rio Grande County
(719) 657-3381

Routt County
(970) 870-5256

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(719) 655-2537

San Juan County
(970) 382-6144

San Miguel County
(970) 252-4200

Sedgwick County
(970) 474-3397

Summit County
(970) 668-4100

Teller County
(719) 686-8639

Washington County
(970) 345-2238

Weld County
(970) 352-6933

Yuma County
(970) 332-4877

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